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The Honorable John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Middleburg, Virginia

My dear President Kennedy:

In answer to your admonition "Don't think in terms of what your country can do for you, but rather, what can you do for your country," I am writing this letter with the belief and hope that I might aid in solving the problem which is close to the hearts of the people of our country and the entire free world.

On April 1, 1959, Mr. Allen W. Dulles sent his representative to my home. Generally, we discussed the relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R.

We particularly discussed the then forthcoming events as they developed: 1) Disarmament, 2) Mr. Nixon's visit to the Soviet Union, 3) Mr. Krushchev's visit to the United States and 4) the Summit. I especially emphasized the fact that the U.S.S.R. did not place us in the blind street in which we are now but we put ourselves in it by using the wrong policy.

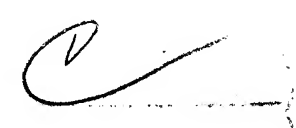
During the discussion, I summarized the outcomes of each of those historical events with as much accuracy as if I had drawn the blue-prints for them.

In order to get Mr. Krushchev and his associates off our backs in a peaceful way, we will have to change our basic thinking in regard to them. The change which I am thinking about will not only get him off our backs but at the same time we will take over the initiative and place them in a position whereby they will have to do a lot of thinking in order to adjust themselves to it.

I am aware of the fact that in the system in which we live only public opinion can influence the government to change its policies; but, I'm certain that if you will put the idea to the people they cheerfully will approve it.

Briefly, I am saying that we and the entire free world have been backed into a corner and only you dear Mr. President have got to get them out in a peaceful way.

Inasmuch as I have been right in the past, I am now more convinced than ever before that my idea will work and perhaps will save the world from a catastrophe.



I would like to present my idea to you in person because I know that in writing, I would not be able to describe it as thoroughly as you would like to know about it.

Because I lived through the horrible war from the beginning to the end and bear the memories of it, I perhaps am more sensitive than the average citizen. But even if I had not experienced it, I would do anything for the soil which feeds our four sons and the country we love.

Hoping that you will grant me a few moments of your valuable time dear Mr. President, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Allen W. Dulles

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